SEALSKINS TO BE SEIZED.

WHEN WORN OR CARRIED INTO THE UNITED STATES ANYWHERE. If One Is On the Owner's Back, Off It Comes— May He Released Again If the Can Preve That the Seal Did Not Die in Ferbidden Waters—Ciberwise It Will He Destroyed.

Don't bring a sealskin sacque into this port. even if you bought it here, and took it out with you or expect trouble. The Treasury regulations under the pelagic scaling act have been re-ceived at the Custom House. They say:

"1. No fur scals, skins, whether raw, dressed dyed, or otherwise manufactured, shall be admitted to entry in the United States, unless there shall be attached to the invoice a certifi cate, signed by the United States Consul at the place of exportation, that the said skins were not taken from seals killed within the water entioned in said act, specifying in detail the locality of such taking, whether on land or at ses, and also the person from whom said skins were purchased in their raw and dressed state, the date of such purchase, and the lot number. Consuls shall require satisfactory evidence of the truth of such facts by oath or otherwise before giving any such certificate. No fur seal skins, raw, dressed, dyed, or other wis emanu-factured shall be admitted to entry as part of a passenger's personal effects unless accompa aled by an invoice certified by the Consul as herein provided. All fur seal skins, whether raw, dressed, dyed, or otherwise manufac-tured, the invoices of which are not accompanted by the certificate above prescribed, shall be seized by the Collector of Customs and destroyed, as provided for in section 9 of the act of Dec. 29, 1897.

"2. Every article manufactured, in whole or in part, from fur scal skins, the invoice of which is presented as aforesaid to the Consul, shall have legibly stamped thereon the name of the manufacturer and the place of manufacture and shall be accompanied by a statement in writing under the oath of said manufacturer that said skin or skins used in said article were taken; from seals not killed at sea within the waters mentioned in said act, specifying the lo-cality in detail, and also the person from whom said skins were purchased in their raw and dressed state, the date of said purchase, and the

said skins were purchased in their raw and dressed state, the date of said purchase, and the lot number.

"3. When an application is made to a Consul for a certificate under these regulations the invoice and proofs of origin presented by the exporter shall be submitted to the Treasury agent designated for the purpose of investigation, and the Consul shall not certify any such invoice until such agent shall have made his report.

"4. All articles manufactured in whole or in part from fur sealskins and imported into the United States shall have the limings thereof so arranged that the pelt of the skin or skins underneath shall be exposed for examination.

"5. All fur sealskins, whether raw, dressed, dyed or otherwise manufactured in whole or in part, whether imported as merchandise or as part of a passenger's effects, shall be sent to the public stores for careful examination and insection to prevent evasion of the law. All garments made in whole or in part of sealskins and taken from this country may be re-entered on presentation of a certificate of ownership from the Collector of Customs of the port of departure, which certificate shall have been obtained by the owner of the garment by offering the same to the collector for inspection before leaving this country.

"6. Nothings in these regulations shall affect

by the owner of the garment by offering the same to the collector for inspection before leaving this country.

"6. Nothing in these regulations shall affect the right of any officer of the customs to inspect and selze any fur sealskin or garment imported which he may find to have been imported in violation of said act."

These regulations will not apply to seal-sking that were actually in transit to the United States on Dec. 29. It was because of this that the only woman who arrived yesterday in the Cunard steamship Aurania who wore a seal-skin sacque that had been purchased in London was not molested by the customs officers, the Aurania having been at sea on Dec. 29. The woman was very indignant, however, when she learned how close a shave her sacque had had. What she said was taken by the custom officers as a mild forerunner of what will be said when the seizures begin.

Collector Bidwell said yesterday that after a few days it will be mandatory for the customs officers to send to the Public Stores all sealskin garments that arrive, whether on consignment or on their owners' backs. The proscribed waters are the waters of the Pacific Ocean north of the thirty-fifth degree of north latitude and including Behring Sea and the sea of Okhotsk.

COLUMBIA SOPHOMORES DINE. By Stratagem They Succeed in Eluding Inter ruption by the Freshmen.

The sophomore class of Columbia University, to the number of almost 150, had its class din ner at the Hotel Marlborough last evening, unolested by the freshmen, who were blissfully ignorant of the whole proceeding. In a word, they were fooled, and thus culminates the live liest season of freshman-sophomore contests nbia has known in years.

All fall the classes have clashed. At first the sophomores were the victors, but in a couple of weeks the freshies began to walk off with everything. They tied in the cane rush, won the cane spree, the tug-of-war and the football match, had their pictures taken unmolested on the library steps and hoodwinked the sophs as

the library steps and hoodwinked the sophs as to the date of their dinner. Then the sophs rotaliated by keeping about a dozen men away from the 1901 dinner. Later they thwarted their rivals in an attempt at kidnapping. Last night's banquet ends the feud.

The freshmen understood that the skirmishing always ends up before the holidays. Accordingly they relaxed their vigilance and they were caught napping. In arranging for last night's dinner some ambitious sophs thought that it would be nice to have young Mapes, the Vice-President of the freshmen class, grace their festive board, so they lay in wait for him with a cab at 8 o'clock just a few doors from his home on Forty-first street near Sixth avenue. They nabbed him, but he howled and kicked so that three policemen interfered and released the captive.

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Toastmaster, H. T. Dickinson; Columbia, J. F.
McClelland; Athletics, F. M. Cowperthwalt;
the Freshman, F. L. Bullard; the Crew, J. W.
MacKay; Dramatics, G. E. Lange; the Class,
F. B. Lefferts.

ELI SHAW'S TRIAL STOPPED.

One of the Jurers Is Removed Upon the Me quest of Counsel on Both Sides.

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 4 .- The trial of Eli Shaw for the murder of his mother and grandmother. which began in the Criminal Court of Camde county yesterday, was abruptly terminated to day upon the united request of counsel for the State and for the defence for the withdrawal of member of the jury. The request was granted by Justice Garrison and the case goes over to

The juror who caused the cessation of the proceedings was Nelson W. Cox, a law student, who was the twelfth man selected to try the case. He is said to have studied law in the office of Justice Garrison. He is also said to be a member of Hrowning Council, No. 122, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of which Shaw is also a member. This Cox cenies. He says he has not been a member of that body for a year. The associate counsel for the prosecution, as well as Shaw's counsel. H. S. Scovel, are both members of the order.

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It was impossible to obtain an explanation from the court or counsel on either side of the reason for Cox's withdrawal or any facts to show which side took the initiative in the request. Cox himself said he did not know the cause.

The unexpected incident gave rise to a rumor that, a relative of Shaw had confessed responsibility for the murder and exonerated him. This could not be confirmed.

ST. LOUIS FOOTPADS.

They Put In an Unusualty Good Night's Work at Their Industry.

Sr. Louis, Jan. 4.-Extraordinary boldness marked last night's operations of the footpads who have been terrorizing this city for several menths. Three masked robbers stationed themselves at Twenty-first and Locust streets and robbed every one who passed. It is estimated that their booty aggreeated \$1,000. William De Wolf, an express messenger, and Edward Dickinson, assistant cashier of the Pullman Palace Car Company, were the two chief victims. Each of the three robbers had a revolver, the butt end of which was used on hesitating victims.

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Another footbad was not so lucky as this trio. He tackled Police Captain Joyce while that officer was making a round of his district in citiens clothes. The attempted hold-up occurred only a block from the police station. The Captain knocked his assallant down and then dragged him to the station.

Early this morning Mrs. D.A. Irons found three negroes in her house. She selzed one of them and there was a desperate struggle, at the end of which the three men oscaped.

R. V. N. Blascii Confesses Judgment for Bent. Eugene V. N. Bissell, plaintiff in the Bissell divorce suit, filed yesterday a confession of judgment for \$550 in favor of John T. Farley as executor of the estate of Bridget M. Farley, for rent of an apartment at 58 West Seventy-second street. Mr. Bissell says that his wife's extrava-gances have involved him.

ATTERBURY FOR CHAIRMAN.

The Republican County Committee In Brook The committee of representative Republicans

of the Ninth and Twenty-second wards in Brook-lyn, which was appointed a few weeks ago to devise some plan to establish harmony in the organization, has adopted this resolution: "Resolved, That we recommend to the delegates to the County Committee from those wards the

advocacy in that committee of a careful revision of the by-laws and the adoption of means to promulgate information as to the time and place of election district association meetings in the county of Kings, with a view of increasing the membership of the local Republican organi-

"Resolved, That we urge upon each individual election district association the importance of increasing its mambership to the end that those in sympathy with the principles of the Republi-can party be represented in the various nomi-

in sympathy with the principles of the Republican party be represented in the various nominating conventions."

The new Republican County Committee will meet for organization next Tuesday night, and it is probable that Walter B. Atterbury, the Twenty-third ward leader, will be elected Chairman by a practically solid vote. Samuel B. Donnelly, President of Typographical Union No. 6, who is a delegate from the Fourth ward, has announced himself a candidate for the place, but he has only a slender backing. The Worth element in the committee protesse to be taking no interest in the election of officers, but there is no doubt that it will be ready to make trouble should an opportunity of doing so be presented. Although the Committee of Nine, which has supervision of the affairs of the Republican organization in the borough of Brooklyn, has indorsed Col. A. E. Lamb for the place on the United States District Court bench made vacant by the death of Judga Asa W. Tenny, the majority of the leaders are said to favor John J. Allen, the former United States Commissioner. It is said that Col. Lamb did not show any special activity in behalf of Gen. Tracy in the recent campaign.

RIGHT WERE MORE THAN ELEVEN. ratic Councilmen in Syracuse Steal an

Election from Republicans. Synacuse, N. Y., Jan. 4.-Last night, after a fight lasting from early in the evening till 3:30 A. M., the Democratic minority of eight members in the Common Council beat out the elever Republican members and reflected Frank Matty, Democrat, President of the Council. The manceuvre by which this result was accomplished would be called ballot box stuffing but for the fact that the Syracuse Aldermen still cling to primitive methods and "stuff the hat" instead. The fun began immediately after the Council was called to order by City Clerk M. Z. Haven, who refused to recognize a Republican Alderman on the floor, and awarded the temporary Chairmanship to Alderman Howard Lincoln for whom eight votes

Alderman on the floor, and awarded the temporary Chairmanship to Alderman Howard Lincoln, for whom eight votes were cast as against eleven for E. A. Hill, the Republican candidate. At this the Republican members left the chamber, but they returned later, and balloting for a President began.

The contest was between Eugene J. Mack, Republican, and Frank Matty. The balloting continued until 3:18 A. M., every ballot being declared void on account of an excess cast by the Democratic members for Matty. When the seventy-seventh ballot was reached the Democrats, finding that such tactics availed nothing, manipulated the ballot further, and Matty was declared Matty 10, Mack 8, and Matty was declared elected amid wild uproar. To-day the eleven Republican members of the Council went before a notary and individually made affidavit that upon the seventy-seventh ballot they voted for E. J. Mack. The election of Matty will be contested. Mayor McGuire, City Clerk Haven, Corporation Counsel James E. Newell, and other Democratic leaders are charged by the Republican members with complicity in the deal.

SCHENECTADY DEMOCRATS BEATEN. Faction Fight in the Common Council Gives Bepublicans the Offices.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Jan. 4.-Ever since the recent Democratic landslide in this city, which changed a Republican majority of three in the Common Council to a Democratic majority of three, the Democrats have been engaged in a flerce faction fight for the offices, the Irish Democracy of the Third ward being the leading contestants. A caucus was held yesterday af-ternoon, but after a long and heated debate no agreement was reached. The other wards wro determined that the Third ward should have

determined that the Third ward should have only proportionate representation.

When the annual meeting was called this evening three members from the Third ward left the meeting, thereby giving the Republicans an opportunity to form a combination and control the appointments. The Republicans reappointed their City Attorney, Clerk and Engineer, and the Democrats got other minor offices. Daniel Naylon, Jr., Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, was turned down by members of his own party for appointment as City Attorney.

REGULARS WIN IN RICHMOND. Charles A. Jones Blected Chairman of the Republican County Committee.

The Republican County Committee of Richmond county organized at Tompkinsville, S. I., last night. Charles A. Jones, the regular organization candidate, was elected Chairman over E. G. Gollner, by a vote of 53 to 18. John H. Jewell withdrew. H. A. Guion was elected Vice-Chairman, Thomas Braniff Secretary and Charles Schmelser Treasurer without op-

position.

There were contests in five districts, Three were settled in favor of the machine delegations, one in favor of the anti-machine men, and one was sent back to the district for a new primary, the evidence being so conflicting that the merits of the case could not be determined.

Queens Borough Republicans Form Assembly District Associations.

The Republicans of the Second Assembly district of the borough of Queens have formed an association and elected Francis H. Luce of Janaica President. The other officers are: Vice-President, George Sweeney of Flushing: Secre-President, George Sweeney of Flushing; Secretary, Charles Bennett of Jamaica; Treasurer, Alexander McClellan of Flushing. A Republican association has been formed in the First Assembly district of the borough of Queens. The officers are: President, Edward Dowling of Long Island City; Vice-President, Richard Burke of Newtown; Treasurer, John W. Bennett of Long Island City; Corresponding Secretary, Theodore Traghelm of Long Island City; Sergeant-at-Arms, William Mack of Long Island City.

One of the most notable weddings of the season was that yesterday of Francis McNutt and Miss Margaret V. C. Ogden, daughter of the late John D. Ogden. The bride is of the Protestant faith and the bridegroom a devout Roman Catholic. At one time, in fact, he contemplated entering the priesthood, and resided for a year with Cardinal Manning in London, going afterwith Cardinal Manning in London, going afterward to study at the Academia Ecclesiastica in Rome. The ceremony yesterday was performed at moon in the drawing room of the bride's residence, D East Thirty-fifth street, by Father S.T. Van Rensselaer. Owing to the absence of the bride's brother. Frank Ogden, who is now abroad, she was given away by her brother-inlaw, Gardiner Sherman. John Inglis assisted Mr. Monutt as best man. There were no ushers. Only the relatives of the bride and bridegroom witnessed the marriage. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Clement C. Moore, Miss Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Clement C. Moore, Miss Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Coloner and Miss Laura J. Post. Mr. and Mrs. Coloner and Miss Laura J. Post. Mr. and Mrs. Francis McNutt will spend a year travelling in Europe before returning to New York to reside. The bride, who has a great fortune, is an orphan. On the maternal side she is a greatgranddaughter of Benjamin Moore, who was Bishop of New York from 1801 to 1811, and was also President of Columbia College. The fortune she isherited from his son and her grandfather, who was professor of Greek and Hebrew literature at Columbia.

During the Harrison Administration Mr. McNutt was secretary of legation at Constantinople and Madrid. Since then he has passed much time in Japan and Egypt.

Neville—Mewell. ward to study at the Academia Ecclesiastica in

Neville-Howell. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 4.-Lieut. Wendell Cushing Noville, U. S. M. C., of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, was married to-day to Miss Frances Adelphia Howell of Philadelphia, daugh ter of Commodore John Adams Howell of the Mediterranean squadron. The ceremony was performed in the parlor of the Hotel Shelburne, which was decorated with American flags and a profusion of potted plants. The Rev. John Hardenbrook Townsend, rector of the Epiacopal Church of the Ascension, officiated. The bride was attired in a handsome white satin gown and wore valuable diamond ornaments. The wedding was private, only immediate relatives and friends being present. There were neither bridesmaids nor ushers. Luncheon was served immediately after the ceremony, after which the couple left for an extended wedding tour. the Mediterranean squadron. The ceremony

Large Fires in Texas Towns.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 4.—Fires of importance occurred to-day at Thoraton and at Commerce, Tex. The loss at Thoraton was \$100,000. The loss at Commerce was \$20,000.

CHINA'S GRAVE TROUBLE

THE TSUNG-LI-VAMEN DISCUSSING

The Government Frare That a Rupture Is Still Possible, but Will Not Borrow Trouble Till Prince Honry Arrives-The Report That England Guarantees a Chinese Loan. Special Cable Despatches to Tun Sun.

PEKIN, Jan. 4 .- The Tsung-H-Yamen (Board of Foreign Affairs) sat throughout Thursday night discussing Germany's demand for the removal of Gen. Wan, the commandant at Tsac Chau, for threatening German missionaries. The result of the conference is not known, but it is believed that the board succeeded in smooth-

ing the matter over for the present. The Government, however, seems to fear that a rupture is yet possible, though the question will be shelved until the arrival of Prince Henry of Prussia. Gen. Wan has been summoned to Pekin.

BERLIN, Jan. 4 .- The Cologne Gazette asserts that negotiations for an Anglo-Chinese loan have been in progress in London since Thursday last. A Chinese land tax is proposed as security for the loan, but the British negotiators are demanding in addition a territorial concession to Great Britain.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The report gained considerable credence on the Stock Exchange to-day that the British Government has agreed to guarantee a Chinese loan of £16,000,000. The British squadron is reported off the isl and

of Chusan, on the east coast of China.

The position of the Chinese loan negotiations has thus far been nothing more than conjectural. Confirmation of the assertion made by the Cologne Gazette that negotiations are in prog-ress for an Anglo-Chinese loan cannot be ob-

tained in London or elsewhere. A despatch from Berlin states that M. Rothstein, a St. Petersburg financier, has been ne-gotiating for 500,000,000 marks in Berlin. He left that city yesterday, believing that success was insured.

On the other hand opinion in Vienna discredita the idea that the conclusion of the loan is any where imminent. It is believed in the Austrian capital that the Cologne Gasette's statement is The Politische Correspondenz, indeed, con

tends that the negotiations in Paris are still

going on satisfactorily. This, however, is very AMIABLE COUNT FON RANTEAU.

He Bearn't Want to He Questioned by Var Literary Fellows. Special Cable Despatch to THE BUT

BERLIN, Jan. 4 .- A typical instance of how the press is regarded by the ruling classes in Germany, which also illustrates the difficulty experienced in obtaining authentic information concerning the health of Prince Bismarck, was given on last Sunday.

The manager of the Hamburgischer Correspondent, who is also the agent of a well-known news agency, went to Friedrichsruh to inquire into the rumor of the Prince's death. He met Count von Rantzau, the Prince's son-in-law, and his two sons near the Prince's house.

Apologizing for accosting him on the road, the newspaper man presented his card. Count Von Rantzau glanced angrily at the bit of pasteboard, and he then shouted: "Clear out. I can't be cross-questioned by all sorts of vagabond literary fellows. Get out,"

and he pointed with his cane toward the pari boundaries. The journalist, who is prominent and esteemed, with difficulty checked an angry reply. With a view to the main object of his visit he explained that he came to submit an important

telegram, which would certainly interest the Prince. Count von Rantzau answered: "I tell you again to get out. I don't want to see any telegram," and he then hurried away spluttering insulting remarks.

PRINCE DRULEEP SINGH MARRIED. His Bride Is the Youngest Baughter of the

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 4.- The marriage of Prince Victor Dhuleep Singh to Lady Anne Coventry, youngest daughter of the Earl of Coventry, took place this afternoon. The event excited the greatest interest on account of the unique position of the bridegroom, such a match being unprecedented in an English family of the position of the Coventrys, who have for a long time strenuously opposed the marriage.

A large and fashionable company was present at the wedding. The Queen's present to Prince Dhuleep Singh was a statuette of herself inscribed "From Your Godmother."

The Prince's father, Dhuleep Singh, was a mere boy and one of the native monarchs of India when his country came into the possesion of Great Britain by conquest. He was the last native possessor of the Kohinoor diamond, and by the treaty which formally made his country a British possession and settled a princely annuity upon the young man, the famous-gem became the property of the British Crown. It is valued at \$600,000.

IRISH NATIONALISTS.

They Call Upon Irishmen to Abanden All Party and Sectional Feeling.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR. LONDON, Jan. 4 .- A meeting of prominent Nationalists was held here this evening, Mr. Michael Davitt, M. P., presiding.

A series of resolutions was adopted associating those present with the coming celebration of the centenary of the Irish revolution, calling upon Irishmen at home and abroad to abandos all party and sectional feeling, and to participate in honoring the patriots of 1798 for fur thering the gospel of freedom for all nationalities, for which they nobly sacrificed their lives, and invoking divine aid in the efforts to achieve the independence of Ireland.

The Austrian-Hungarian Compact. Special Cable Desputches to THE SUN.

VIENNA, Jan. 4 .- The Kossuth party in the Hungarian Parliament has withdrawn its ob structions to the passage of the bill providing for a provisional prolongation of the Austrian Hungarian compact.

BUDAPEST, Jan. 4.-The Reichstag has carried a bill provisionally prolonging the Austrian-Hungarian compact. The majority in favor of the bill was large.

GOV. M'LAURIN'S MESSAGE. He Says the U. S. Marine Hospital Caused the Yellow Fever Outbreak.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 4.—The message of Gov. McLaurin, read before the General Assembly of Mississippi in this city to-day, was remarkable mississippi in this city to-day, was remarkable for its charge that the United States Marine Hospital was responsible for the introduction of yellow fover into the State last September. In this way he made a strong effort against the proposed national quarantine which would place the States under control. The Governor made another declaration of political interest, in which he declared emphatically for the election of United States Senators by the people direct.

direct.

A concensus of opinion among the legislators shows that this surgestion meets with favor, and the probability is that this session will take the preliminary step to give the first decision test to the question of electing Senators by the people.

STABBED IN A SALOON FIGHT. Brunkon Brawl May Result in the Beath of

One of the Participants. Michael Melvin of 860 Second avenue John Coughlin of 303 East Forty-sixth street quarrelled last night while drunk in Patrick quarrelled last night while drunk in Patrick Clancey's saloon at Forty-sixth street and Second avenue. They grappled, and Melvin fell to the floor. When he got up he said he had been stabbed. Coughlin walked out of the saloon. Melvin followed, and asked a policeman to call an ambulance.

He did not seem badly hurt, but when he reached Flower Hospital it was found that he had a bad cut in the abdomen, and that the operation of laparotomy was necessary. He is in a dangerous condition and may die. Coughlin escaped.

Staudard Oil Goes Above 869.

Standard Oil Trust liquidating certificates sold as high as 3685 yesterday, establishing a new record, and representing an advance of 75s points over Monday's closing. At the annual meeting of the Standard Oil Company of New York held yesterday the old Board of Directors was reflected.

A Story from Montana That Secalis One Lately

ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 4,-It was reported here to-day that Henry D. Poole of this city had been taken prisoner by some miners in Montans and had been turned over to the authorities of

Butte. On what charge Pools was detained the mee sage did not state, but it is thought to be in connection with the Masterson Mining Company's affairs.

Poole, with a number of Elizabethans, was induced about a year ago to invest in a gold mining scheme. The mine is at Pany, a small settlement near Sabington, Mon.

As the mine did not produce any dividends Pools and Philip Schauble, President of the mining company, went to the mine last November. Schauble returned in a couple of weeks and told his friends he was satisfied he had been duned.

duped.

About the time he reached Elizabeth word was received from Butte to the effect that Schauble, while at his mine, had been held a prisoner by the miners until he sent East and obtained \$5,000, with which he paid them wages due.

obtained \$5,000, with which he paid them wages due.

Schauble is President of the Rising Sun Brewing Company of this city. He would not admit that he had been held prisoner by the miners or that it cost him anything to get away from Pony. He did say, however, that nothing could coax him to return to the mine and that he had sold his interest in the Masterson Company to Poole. When asked if he knew anything concerning Poole, Schauble said Poole had remained at Pony to operate the mine. He did not expect to see Poole East again unless he got here by walking on railroad ties.

Poole's wife is with him, and it is reported that he is in destitute circumstances. It was said to-day by a man of prominence that Poole had sent East for money very recently.

There are at less ta acore of persons in this city who put money in the Masterson Company and who have given up hope of ever getting a cent back.

STRACUSE BURGLARS CAUGHT. They Gagged the Watchman and Cracked the

Standard Oll Safe. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 4.-Two masked burglars armed with revolvers and dynamite held up Charles O. Brown, night watchman for the Standard Oil Company's office and depot in this city, and cracked the principal safe early this

morning.

The night watchman was knocked down by one of the burglars and blindfolded, bound and gagged and left in a corner of the boiler room half dead. While there he heard the sound of an explosion. Some time later he managed to crawl along the ground through the gates, which the robbers in departing had left open, to a

the robbers in departing had left open, to a switchman's shanty a couple of blocks away beside the West Shore tracks. The switchman unbound him, and he hurried to the telephone and informed the police.

Capt. Quigley, with a squad of officers, on arriving at the scene declared that if he were in the city the job could have been done by no other than Joseph, alias "Toad," Thornton, who has served several terms in Auburn Prison for burglary. Detectives were put at work searching the resorts for two men answering the meagre description Watchman Brown was able to give, and at 5 o'clock this morning nabbed their men, who were hurrying along a back street. One of them was Thornton and the other gave his name as Jack Fay and his residence as Springfield. In their pockets was found the amount of money, about \$300, which was missing from the safe, together with two new 38-calibre revolvers and a number of fuses and fuse caps used by cracksmen. The men were arraigned today, pleaded not guilty, and were held for the action of the Grand Jury, which is now in session.

RUNAWAY BUMPS INTO TWO CABS Overturns One and the Horse of the Other-

A horse attached to a light wagon owned by James Norton of 156 East Fifty-third street became unmanageable in Fifth avenue near Fiftyninth street about 6 o'clock last evening The driver, Harry Weinberger of 100 Lewis street, succeeded in keeping the animal on the right side of the avenue until Fifty-eighth street was reached. At that point a cab containing two women and driven by Michael Fitzgerald of 570 Second avenue, was going west. The run-

570 Second avenue, was going west. The runaway swerved to the left and collided with the wheel of the cab, overturning the vehicle and throwing the occupants and driver to the pavement. Weinberger was hurled from his seat by the shock and struck the curb. He was picked up and carried to Flower Hospital, where it was found that he had concussion of the brain and several severe bruises on the face and shoulders. The women and the cab driver were not injured.

The runaway horse became freed from the wagon by the collision and continued on down the avenue. At Fiftieth street the animal took to the sidewalk, scattering passersby in every direction, but injuring no one. Taking to the street again and running between vehicles, the horse kept on, dragging part of the harness behind him. At Forty-sixth street Bicycle Policeman Webb caught sight of the runaway and started in pursuit. At Fortieth street the runaway collided with a cab driven by John Mulcahy of 358 West Fifty-second street. Both horses were thrown to the pavement and before the runaway gained its feet Webb had it by the bridle.

THREE HURT IN A BUNAWAY. They Were Found Lying in the Road by Two Other Men.

While August Schultz of this city was out driving with a friend on the road between Glen dale and Richmond, in Queens county, late last night, his horse shied. Schultz got out to see what was the matter. He heard groans and found that they came from a wounded man lying in the road.

Ten feet away two other men were found, who were also injured. The wounded men were William Pfautch,

The wounded men were William Pfautch, a framer; John Kull, a plumber, both of 54 Grove street, Williamsburg, and John Foster, a saloon-keeper, of Wyckoff avenue, Ridgewood.
They had been visiting a saloon keeper named Lydecker on the border line between Glendale and Richmond. Lydecker had lent them his horse and wagon for the Journey home. Near where they were found the wagon struck a pile of stone, a hind wheel was wrenched off, and the horse r in away, throwing the three men out of the wagon. of the wagon.
Schultz drove to Richmond and brought Dr.
Schovell, and ambulances were summoned from
the Eastern District Hospital and St. Catherine's
Hospital.
Pfautch and Kull were taken to their home.

Foster was in a critical condition and was taken to St. Catherine's Hospital. The horse was not found last night.

STREET CAR HORSES RUN AWAY. The Briver Dragged Over the Bashbeard, but Not Badly Hurt.

A team of horses attached to a car of the Roulevard line became frightened near Eighty sixth street while going north yesterday after noon and ran away. There were several we men in the car, and two of them started for the door to get off, but the conductor prevented

door to get off, but the conductor prevented them.

At Eighty-ninth street the bolt fastening the whiffletrees to the car broke, and Michael Fitzpatrick, the driver, was dragged over the dashboard. He was hauled nearly half a block before he could loosen the reins. The horses continued their run along the track, and were finally stopped by Bicycle Policeman Thompson at 104th street. Fitzpatrick was badly bruised but was not seriously injured. None of the passengers in the car was hurt.

TRYING DOORS KILLS POLICEMAN His Hand Was Injured and Blood Pelsoning Reaulted.

Policeman Matthew Jennings of the East Eighty-eighth street station, while trying doors on Lexington avenue, between Seventy-ninth and Eighty-fourth streets, about ten days ago, caught his left hand between a brass lock and the door frame. In drawing it away his thumb the door frame. In drawing it away his thumb nail was broken. The next day the policeman became iii, and his wife reported at the station house that he could not go on duty.

No doctor was consulted at first, but on Monday morning Jennings was advised to go to believe Hospital and have his arm amputated. The arm by this time had swollen badly and blood poisoning had taken a firm hold.

Jennings went to the hospital, but the surgeons saw it was useless to amputate the arm. The policeman died Monday night. He had been eighteen years on the police force.

WAS MISS RIFKIN JILTED? She Has Sued Mr. Philip Stremberg fo \$10,000 Damages.

Miss Dinah Rifkin, a daughter of Joseph Rifkin of 140 Madison street, has begun a suit in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn against Philip Stromberg of 120 Henry street for \$10,000 dam ages for alleged breach of promise of marriage.

Miss Rifkin avers that she was engaged to be
married to the defendant according to the
orthodox Hebrew coremony on Christmas Day,
but that he did not appear. She says she has
learned that he is to marry another girl.

IS BERRY D. POOLE A PRISONER! THE LONDON, ONT., DISASTER

HEAVY BEAM SNAPPED, CAUSING THE TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

edy to Blame-Tee Much Bend Weight on the Supports-No Victim Will Pill a Pauper's Grave-Some of the Reinives Talk of Suing for Damages-Many Fings at Malf-Mast LONDON, Ont., Jan. 4 .- The developments of to-day show little beyond the fact that the ac-cident at the City Hall yesterday, including the es of twenty-five lives, was altogether unavoldable as far as human foresight could go. A great effort will be made to collect damages on the part of some of the relatives of the deceased persons, but the majority are of the opinion that there should be no lawsuits, and that justice

will be done.

The Coroners' jury sat this afternoon, but their work was purely formal and an adjournment was taken till Friday. The Council met this afternoon and a committee visited every house where there is death. No case of destitu tion was found, and the victims are all in fairly

tion was found, and the victims are all in any good circumstances.

Mayor Little said to-day that he would be responsible for all costs, and that while he deeply appreciated the offers of assistance from Lady Aberdeen and others, he would see that none of the victims filled a paper's grave. He would undertake all the expense himself in the meantime, and if the city did not reimburse him he did not eare.

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The flags on the Custom Bouse, Post Office, and all public buildings are at half mast. There are no additions to be reported to the list of dead, and, while the list of injured is increased, all the increase is in the line of minor injuries.

City Engineer Graydon says that the cause of last night's catastrophe was the breaking of the heavy beam which runs beneath the floor, almost at the centre of the space which gave way. This beam was composed of twelve 3x4 timbers securely jointed together. The joists ran east and west from the beam, resting on the front and rear walls of the engineer's office. There was a span of eighteen feet. The beam broke in the centre, rolling all the people standing in this space into one mass.

The engineer says that the supports of this part of the floor were not taken away in making recent alterations. The wall where this joist ran was taken out in 1888. The engineer did not consider the ball dangerous, and says that the tremendous dead weight simply caused the beam to snap.

BABY DROWNED IN A BOILER. Her Brothers and Sisters Playing Around Her

When She Fell In John Collins, shoemaker, of 72 King street, lost a little child yesterday, one out of six. It was the second lost out of seven. The first died of the effects of a fall five years ago. The youngest of the remaining six, a baby named Sarah, was drowned yesterday in a tub, with her brothers and sisters playing around her. Mr. Collins was away at work when little Sarah fell into the tub. His wife had just filled the tub, an iron one, with cold water preparatory to putting it on the stove to get hot water for washing. She left the room for a few minutes. When she was on her way back one of the other children called to her that the baby was in the boiler. She ran to the tub and, screaming, lifted the child out. Neighbors hurried in and a doctor was brought, but it was too late for him to be of service. Apparently the baby had leaned over the edge of the tub, which was a low one, and, overbalancing, tumbled in. Mr. Collins was away at work when little

WAR ON INSURANCE COMPANIES. A Demand on Thirty-four European Fire Com-

panies for Unpaid License Pees.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.-Insurance Commis sioner Clunie to-day made a demand on thirty four European fire insurance companies doing business in California for unpaid license fees aggregating \$279,530. In most of the cases the aggregating \$279,530. In most of the cases the claims date back for twelve years. They are based on a law requiring toreign insurance companies to pay annually 1 per cent. of their premiums to the County Trensurer of every county or city and county in the State for the use of the Firemen's Helief Fund of such county.

The law has been a dead letter since soon after its enactment, as the Supreme Court decided it imposed a municipal tax which could only be levied by municipalities. Clunie now contends that the State has a right to impose the license, and that the Commissioner has power to prevent the companies which fail to pay from doing business. He proposes to enforce the demand on Feb. 1.

WHERE IS MRS. FINESSE?

She Left Her Home Saturday Night with Money and Hank Books. ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 4.-Mrs. Annie Finesse has been missing from her home in Marshall street, near Sixth street, since Saturday night. She is about 50 years of age, and when she left bome she wore, it is supposed, a thin house wrap-per and had only a thin shawl to cover her head. She took with her about \$175 in cash and five bank books which showed a total balance of \$5,000.

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The money is deposited in New York banks in Mrs. Finesse's name. It is said that Mrs. Finesse had been acting queerly for some time, and that Saturday evening she fell and received a blow on the head that stunned her. She went to bed as soon as she recovered from the effects of the fall, and no one has seen her since. On orning it was discovered that she wa also were gone. Friends believe the woman wandered away from home during a fit of dementia. Her husband thinks she has committed suicide.

KILLED BY A FALL.

Ex-Police Commissioner Zimmer of Rochester

Meets with a Fatal Accident. ROCHESTER, N. Y. Jan. 4.-Ex-Police Commissioner Frederick Zimmer, one of Rochester's oldest and most respected residents, fell from the window of his office in Smith's Arcade, at the corner of Main and Exchange streets, at 11:15 o'clock this forenoon, and was instantis-killed. Mr. Zimmer, who was quite a portly man, was throwing some parcels from the window of his office to his coachman, and lost his balance. He was about 60 years of age, and had been in the insurance and ticket agency business in this etty for years.

city for years. Our Gold Production in the South. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 4.- The product of the old mines of North and South Carolina, Georgia

and Alabama is assayed in this city. The Char-lotte assay office to day reports the year's pro-duction of gold at \$247.237. The silver buillion assayed amounted to only \$1,349.

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DIED OF TOO RAPID GROWTH,

ighteen-Venr-Old Edwin St. Mason Was Six

Peet and Two Inches Tall. Edwin Ralph Mason, who will be buried in Evergreens Cemetery in Brooklyn to-day, died on Sunday last, according to his doctors, of the enervating effects of too rapid p 'ysical growth, the same ailment that nearly cost the life of Deputy Charity Commissioner Thomas S. Brennan's son some time ago. Mason was 18 years old and a son of Edwin C. Mason, a broker of 157 Heyward street, Brooklyn. He had attained a stature of 6 feet 2 inches three months tefore his death, and never until then had he been seriously ill. He was one of a family of boys and girls all the others of whom were of boys and girls all the others of whom were of normal growth. He was pronounced to be in perfect health three years axo, when he was examined for an insurance policy in a New York company, but the examining physicians were puzzled when told that he was only 15 years old. He looked then to be a robust lad of fully 18 years. He was a clerk in the office of the Hanover Insurance Company of this city, and a member of the Lee Avenue Congregational Church.

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Three months ago he was scized at 'requent intervals with severe pains in the abdomen, and a physician was called and prescribed the usual remedies for stomach disorders. The lad got no rollef. He weighed 157 pounds at this time, but he began to fail away steadily, much the same as a consumptive does.

On Dec. 2, after a consultation, his physicians ordered him to go to Liberty, Sullivan county, N. Y., hoping that change of air and scene would benefit him. He still continued to lose weight, however, and finally his brain appeared to be affected, for he rambled in his talk and suffered from severe pains in the head.

Just before Christmas a message was sent to his father that he seemed to be near death, and he was hurriedly brought back to his home. He was in a delirium when he arrived, and he remained so almost continuously until death relieved him. The Rev. Dr. John Britton Clark held funeral services at the house last night.

CAPT, CHAPMAN'S BOWERY RAID What Did His Wagon Load of Policemen Do

When They Got to the Alleged Postroom ! Capt. Chapman got to detecting yesterday in the Mercer street precinct somewhat on the lines of his Tenderloin raids. He heard that there was a pool room running on the third floor at 390 Bowery. He investigated and found the door locked.

Then he hunted up the agent of the building and asked him about it. The agent told him that he didn't know anything about any poolroom, but that if one was there to break it un So the Captain loaded a patrol wagon with policemen and drove around with it.

Nothing concerning the raid was made public that the Mercer street police station, and the stories differ as to what happened. One report set forth that the Captain and his aids burst down the door of the alleged poolroom, and found 200 men, a ticker and a lot of tickets in the room.

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The tickets were torn up. The ticker was smashed, but no arrests were made. Another story was to the effect that the persons on the third floor, having recognized the flowing whiskers of the Captain on his first visit, had destroyed all evidences of a poolroow before the policeman got there. Still another story was that there was no poolroom on the third floor at all, nor any evidences of one.

As the Captain was asleep last night when the reporters wanted to see him, and as the place on the Bowery was shut up, it was not possible to learn positively just what did happen further than that the wagon load of policemen really drove up to the building.

DESTITUTE DOCTOR'S TWO FLATS. Mired Simultaneously at No. 109 in Both West 83d Street and in West 133d.

A man who says he is Charles Smith, 34 years old, and a physician of 100 West 133d street, was removed from 109 West Thirty-third street to the New York Hospital yesterday afternoon, and the police of the West Thirtieth street station reported the case as "sick and destitute." The house at 109 West Thirty-third street is under the control of Jared Flagg, who has been in trouble because of the class of women tenants to whom he let flats. Mr. Flagg said yesterday that Smith, as he calls himself, came to him ten days ago and rented a room, giving the name of J. D. Collins. He said he had no money at hand, but offered a check for \$20 in payment. Flagg refused the check, and said he would wait for his money.

At the house in 133d street the janitor, Fred Walleman, was surprised when he was told last night that Smith had been sent to the hospital as "sick and destitute." He said that Smith had come to the house about two weeks ago, looking for a flat, which he said he wanted for an office. From his talk Walleman gathered that he was well off, if not rich, and that he had a rich uncle, a doctor, living in Fifth avenue. Walleman referred Smith to Mr. Cook of 62 St. Mark's place, the owner of the house, and Smith engaged the ground floor flat. He was to have moved in on Monday, Walleman said, and the flat had been got ready for him. to whom he let flats. Mr. Flagg said yesterday

BRYAN BACK HOME.

He Says He Won't Run for Congress-G. F. Williams's Glowing Message.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 4.-Mr. Bryan and his party returned this afternoon from a month's fêting and dining in Mexico. He begged to be excused from being interviewed just now as to his impression of Mexico under a silver stan-dard, but said that he might later make an extended statement. He returned, however, as

firm in the free silver faith as ever.

To-night a local club gave him a compl mentary banquet. A number of notables from Kansas, Colorado, and Missouri were presen and spoke. Mr. Bryan was last on the list, and and spoke. Mr. Bryan was last on the list, and his speech will not be reached till early in the morning. Massachusetts was represented by George Fred Williams. He said:

"The Massachusetts Democracy is in line for Bryan and the Chicago platform in 1900. The Boston Democracy right now is overwhelmingly for the Chicago platform. The tendency in our State is to put national issues aside in local contests, but when national issues are drawn the silver Democracy is in the ascendency in the State."

State. Mr. Bryan said he would not seriously consider any proposal that he run for Congress this fall, and refused to discuss the possibility of being induced to do so. GIRL OF 17 A HORSE THIEF.

She Has Kept the Police of Erie, Pa., Busy for Several Months.

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 4.-Miss Edith Kelly, a girl of 17, is in the Erie county jail, charged with horse stealing. Miss Kelly has led a wild career for several months in this part of the State, and has kept the farmers and the State police on the lookout for her on account of the theft of half a dozen of horses, which, although not run out of the country were found long distances from their owners' stables. Her last escapade and the one which led to her arrest was the theft of a borse and buggy at Union City this week. The a horse and buggy at Union City this week. The horse she had driven for twenty-four hours and left it exhausted and almost dead at Lincohville after selling the robes and articles which ahe found in the buggy.

The sole object of her thefts seem to have been to procure money with which to buy morphine. The girl has been under treatment in the Warren State Hospital, once for the morphine habit. Miss Kelly says she has committed every crime with the exception of murder.

COAL BARGE ADRIFT AT SEA. The Coal King with Four Men Abourd Broke

Away from Her Tug.

The ocean tug L. Luckenbach, towing several coal barges, light, in tandem, left Boston on Friday last for Newport News, Off Fenwick Island light, near the Maryland coast, the Luckenbach ran into foul weather, and on Friday night the last barge in the tandem, the Con-King, which was many years ago the Nova Scotian brig Laurence Delop, parted her hawser Scotian briz Laurence Delop, parted her hawser and drifted away in the darkness. Before the Luckenbach could east off from the foremost brige, after having signalled her intention, the Coal King was out of si, ht.

The tug cruised around for the missing barge several hours and then picked up the rest of the tow and accessed to Newport News, where sing Company of this city pesterday sent out two of their biggest boats to find the Coal King, which has an able skipper and three men. She is schooner-rigged, and will probably be able to navigate even in a blow. Her owners do not think that she is in great danger.

Mrs. Ella C. Terry Gets a Divorce. Justice Smith of the Supreme Court in Brook yn has granted Ella C. Terry a separation from Glibert S. Terry. At the trial of the suit last month Mrs. Terry recited many acts of neglect on the part of her husband, and charged him with writing a love letter to a Mrs. Burch-ardt. The defendant is a musician who has been organist in several Brooklyn churches.

President Haffen's Secretary. President Haffen of the Borough of the Bronx basappointed Joseph P. Hennesy his Secretary.

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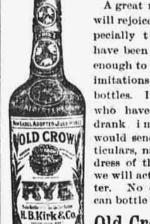
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MUST BIEDLER STEP DOWN.

Says the Senate Would Have Confirmed Him if Mother McKinley Had Lived. PERRY, Oklahoma, Jan. 4.-The news from Washington is that G. A. Biedler, who was appointed Postmaster at Oklahoma City three months ago, will not be confirmed by the Senate, Mr. Biedler says that his confirmation would have been certain if Mother McKinley had lived. The announcement came from Washington

some mounths ago that President McKinley had appointed him Postmaster at Oklahoma City, one of the largest towns in the Territory. one of the largest towns in the Territory. Biedler had held the office under Harrison and had been indicted for embezzlement, and as soon as Biceller's name went to the Senate the news came that Senator Chandler gave it out that Biedler should not be confirmed.

President Melkinley said that he would withdraw Biedler's name, but the old gray-haired applicant, with tens in his eyes and in company with Mother McKinley, pleaded with the President, and after the Senate had adjourned he commissioned Biedler, who was an old friend of the McKinley family, as Postmaster, and he has since been serving.

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A Peary Eskimo Ill Again. Kushan, one of the Eskimos whom Peary brought here from the Arctic zone, was taken to Believue Hospital last night with another bad attack of bronchitis. Meeney, his little son, drove down with him in a carriage from High Bridge, where the colony has been settled for the winter. Not being sick, the youngster couldn't stay at the hospital, and when he went away the father was disconsolate.

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